

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 57(60)

1766 (reset 1902)

Blackrock, Pennsylvania

Public/private

Milestone No. 57(60), an original monument of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 57th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, No. 57(60) was an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and measured about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground with a slightly larger rough-cut base for setting into the ground. Straddling the Line, the milestone's decorative features were the Roman capital letters P facing Pennsylvania on the north and M facing Maryland on the south, each V-sunk into plain shallow circle panels near the top. Reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, to stand about 1½' above ground (with the remaining some 3' surrounded below ground by a concrete collar), it is still in very good condition, with ^{nearly} all embellishments clear and intact, though with minor chips at the top corners and edges, and noticeable weathering of the top planes. Though now only standing about 8" above ground, it is well protected by the site and the surrounding property owners. On the federal and state levels, it is significant primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along the West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 18 original monuments remaining along the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CARR-293

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name) *

historic . BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
(Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 57th Mile Stone

and/or common* Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 57 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 60)

2. Location

street & number off southwest side of Blackrock Road ☒ not for publication

city, town Blackrock _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district MD: 6 / PA: 19

state Pennsylvania _____ county MD: Carroll / PA: York

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	N/A	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied		<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied		<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible		<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted		<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: state boundary marker

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

(Monument only; see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)
name State of Maryland/ Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

street & number _____ telephone no.: _____

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. _____

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street & number _____ folio _____

city, town _____ state _____

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

(also see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)
title Carroll County Historic Sites Inventorydate CARR-293 entered 1/80 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

repository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis _____ state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Milestone No. 57(60) marks Mason and Dixon's 57th horizontal mile west of the northwest corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original monument, set in 1766, reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and remains in very good condition, unaltered^{and firmly set} at its original site, comparatively protected both by the owners of the surrounding property as well as the setting.

The area here is hilly farmland, interspersed with deciduous woods and an occasional small village or town. The site is located on the top of an open, farmed hill, unfenced (though marked by an old fencepost), about 1100' southwest of Blackrock Road at the junction of the Hochheimer farm lane/^{which leads south from the center} of the village of Blackrock/^{past the hill} to their farmhouse. It is within Carroll County Election District 6/York County Manheim Township, surrounded by Hochheimer land.

The milestone was originally quarried and carved in England, was an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, measuring about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground,^{slightly larger} with a rough cut base for setting into the ground. Its decorative feature was the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel near the top of the stone. Reset in 1902 at its original site to stand about 1½', with the ^{below-ground portion and} base surrounded by a collar of concrete, this monument remains close to 12" square, with most embellishments clear and intact except for minor chips along the top corners and edges, but/^{now} stands only about 8" above ground. The top is quite weatherworn and has a small "+" cut into the apex.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) boundary surveying

Specific dates 1766 (reset 1902) **Builder/Architect** Surveyors: Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☒ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Milestone No 57(60) is significant on the federal and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along their 230.228-mile West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and monument set the following year, where it remains unaltered to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 18 original monuments still marking the present Carroll/York county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), No. 57(60) is also significant locally, as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acreQuadrangle name Lineboro (Maryland-Pennsylvania)Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	Maryland	code	county	Carroll	code
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state	Pennsylvania	code	county	York	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)organization Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey date 3/23/80 (site surveyed)street & number 14308 Mount Avenue telephone 301/472-2128city or town Phoenix state Maryland 21131

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A detailed topographic map of Lineboro, Maryland, and its surrounding areas. The map features numerous contour lines indicating elevation, with labels such as 800, 900, and 1000 feet. Key locations include Lineboro, Blackrock, and Hokes. The map also shows the intersection of York County and Carroll County, and the proximity to the Maryland-Delaware border. Various landmarks, including churches (St. John's, Blackrock, Lazarus), schools (Hokes, Wolfgram), and cemeteries (St. John's, Lazarus), are marked. Roads and trails are depicted with different line styles, and a river (Falls River) is shown flowing through the area. The map is oriented with North at the top.



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MASON & DRON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 57⁽⁶⁰⁾
NW CORNER (P/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/23/80 (1980.13.16)



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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 57⁽⁶⁰⁾
SE CORNER (M/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/23/80 (1980.13.12)